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CODEL DIGGS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES C.)
SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

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1. NEW DATES OF JULY 14-16 FOR CODEL DIGGS AGREEABLE.
CODEL'S HOTEL RESERVATIONS (TWO SINGLES) AT NILE HILTON
HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM ORIGINAL DATES TO NIGHTS OF
JULY 14 AND 15.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, NEW DATES ALSO POSE PROBLEMS
FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. SADAT DEPARTS FOR
AUSTRIA TODAY AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL JULY 14 OR 15.
SINCE HE LEAVES FOR KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT EARLY ON JULY 16,
HE WILL NEED THE SHORT TIME BETWEEN HIS RETURN FROM
AUSTRIA AND DEPARTURE FOR KHARTOUM TO PREPARE HIMSELF
FOR OAU SUMMIT AND BILATERALS WITH VARIOUS AFRICAN HEADS
OF STATE. ALL SENIOR MEMBERS OF PRESIDENCY STAFF HAVE
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ALREADY GONE TO AUSTRIA. AMBASSADOR WILL ASK VP MUBARAK
TO TRY TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH CODEL DIGGS DURING SADAT'S
SHORT INTERVAL BACK IN EGYPT, BUT AT THIS POINT SUCH A
MEETING CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

3. AMBASSADOR WILL BE PLEASED BRIEF CODEL ON CURRENT
MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AND EGYPTIAN PERCEPTIONS OF

AFRICAN PROBLEMS. WILL ALSO TRY TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, BUT HERE AGAIN MOST (IF NOT ALL) SUCH OFFICIALS WILL BE IN KHARTOUM.

4. CONCERNING BLACK AMERICAN STUDENTS AT AUC, EMBASSY CONTACTED DR. THOMAS LAMONT, AUC DEAN OF FACULTY WHO HAS HEARD NO COMPLAINTS FROM BLACK STUDENTS IN RECENT YEARS. IN EARLY 1970'S THERE WAS BLACK STUDENTS' PROGRAM IN WHICH SOME STUDENTS WERE UNHAPPY WITH EGYPT AND WITH THE UNIVERSITY BECAUSE OF CULTURAL PROBLEMS OF FITTING IN. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO BLACK STUDENTS' PROGRAM SINCE 1973. BLACK STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AUC'S JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM BUT NONE OF THOSE STUDENTS IN CAIRO DURING THE SUMMER. IF THERE ARE ANY BLACK STUDENTS AROUND DURING THE SUMMER THEY WOULD BE IN INTENSIVE ARABIC PROGRAM AND WE ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY HERE AT PRESENT. DR. LAMONT SAID IF CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AUC HE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

5. IN CHECKING WITH SUDAN AIR WE FOUND CODEL'S NAME NOT ON RESERVATION LIST FOR SD-111. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY CAIRO HAS MADE RESERVATIONS FOR CODEL ON SD-111 (1ST CLASS, SINCE THESE WERE ONLY AVAILABLE SEATS). ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, SD-111 DEPARTS CAIRO AT 1330 AND ARRIVES KHARTOUM 1600. SINCE SUDAN AIRWAYS' ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES VARY FROM PUBLISHED TIMES, WE WILL KEEP CONFIDENTIAL

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IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SITUATION.

6. WE LOOK FORWARD CODEL'S ARRIVAL. EILTS

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